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TITLE

: METHOD FOR PRODUCING OPTICALLY ACTIVE α-METHYL-BIS-3,5-(TRI-

FLUOROMETHYL)BENZYLAMINE

ABSTRACT: PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED: To provide a method for producing an optically active α-methyl- bis-3,5-(trifluoromethyl)benzylamine which is an important intermediate for

medicines and agrochemicals.

SOLUTION: An optically active α-methyl-bis-3,5-(trifluoromethyl)-benzyl alcohol is subjected to sulfonylation reaction to convert the above compound into a sulfonate derivative of the optically active α-methyl- bis-3,5-(trifluoromethyl)benzyl alcohol derivative and further subjected to substitution reaction to convert the above derivative into an optically active α-methyl- bis-3,5-(trifluoromethyl)benzylamine derivative and

successively subjected to deprotecting reaction to produce the objective optically active  $\alpha$ -methyl- bis-3,5-(trifluoromethyl)benzylamine in high asymmetric transfer ratio and good

yield.

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